

REMARKS

In paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-18, 21-25 and 27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,199,726 to *Cardwell*. That rejection is respectfully traversed, and favorable reconsideration of the claims is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that *Cardwell* does not render exemplary Claim 1 (or similar Claims 14 and 27) unpatentable because that reference does not teach or suggest:

a manually manipulable element having a button portion adapted for human digital manipulation and at least one wing portion extending outwardly from said button portion, said at least one wing portion including a leg that overlaps said height of said wall along said second axis, ...wherein said at least one wall element cooperates with said leg of said at least one wing portion to constrain movement of said manually manipulable element along a third axis orthogonal to said first and second axes while said manually manipulable element is moved between said first and second positions. (emphasis supplied)

That is, *Cardwell* does not teach or suggest the claimed “leg” or the “leg” cooperating with the wall element to constrain movement along a third axis orthogonal to the first and second axes.

With respect to the above-cited feature of Claim 1, paragraph 2 of the present Office Action cites manually manipulable element 22 in Figures 4A-4B of *Cardwell*. However, element 22 lacks the claimed “leg that overlaps said height of said wall along said second axis,” as now recited in Claim 1. In addition, as noted by the Examiner at page 3 of the Office Action, *Cardwell* teaches that “movement of the manually manipulable element [22] along the second axis is constrained by the at least one wall element” (emphasis supplied). However, *Cardwell* does not teach or suggest “said at least one wall element cooperates with said leg of said at least one wing portion to constrain movement of said manually manipulable element along a third axis orthogonal to said first and second axes,” as recited in Claim 1.

Because *Cardwell* does not teach or suggest each feature of the present claims, and in particular, does not teach or suggest the claimed “leg” or the constraint of movement along a

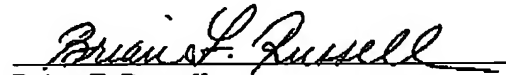
third axis orthogonal to first and second axes, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1, similar Claims 14 and 27, and their respective dependent claims are not rendered unpatentable by *Cardwell* under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indicated allowability of Claims 5-6, 13, 19-20 and 26.

Having now responded to each objection and rejection set forth in the present Office Action, Applicant believes all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the present application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

No additional fee is believed to be required. If, however, any additional fees are required, please charge those fees to DILLON & YUDELL LLP Deposit Account No. 50-3083.

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